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1. HIMMIRSKY, BULGARIAN EMBASSY, CALLED JIM GLENN
APRIL 27 TO ASK IF DEPARTMENT COULD HELP TO SET UP A
PROGRAM FOR BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN RUMEN SERBEZOV
DURING HIS APRIL 29-MAY 1 STOPOVER IN HOUSTON EN ROUTE
FROM PARIS TO TOKYO. HIMMIRSKY WAS ABLE TO SUPPLY
LITTLE INFORMATION OTHER THAN SERBEZOV'S ARRIVAL TIME
(WHICH, IN ANY EVENT, WAS INCORRECT) BUT INDICATED THAT
HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING "AGRICULTURAL OR
INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS" AND IN MEETING WITH CITY
PLANNING OFFICIALS.

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2. DESPITE EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE, A GOOD PROGRAM WAS
SET UP FOR SERBEZOV. GLENN CALLED THOMAS CONRY,
HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE, WHO MET SERBEZOV
AT AIRPORT (AFTER CHECKING FLIGHT SCHEDULES AND
LEARNING CORRECT ARRIVAL TIME), OBTAINED A ROOM AT THE
HYATT REGENCY FOR HIM (HE HAD NO RESERVATIONS), AND
ARRANGED FOR AN INTERESTING PROGRAM. AFTER SLEEPING OFF

FLIGHT SATURDAY EVENING, SERBEZOV VISITED A CORPORATE-OWNED RANCH MOST OF SUNDAY, WAS TREATED TO A TEXAS BARBECUE, AND MET WITH LOCAL MANAGER OF MITSUBISHI THAT EVENING. SERBEZOV MET WITH CITY PLANNING OFFICIALS MONDAY MORNING AND HAD LUNCH WITH SAME MITSUBISHI OFFICIAL BEFORE LEAVING FOR MEXICO CITY. CONRY TOLD GLENN THAT SERBEZOV WAS QUITE SATISFIED WITH HIS PROGRAM AND HAD AN ENJOYABLE TIME.

3. CONRY IS MAILING GLENN A COPY OF SERBEZOV'S SCHEDULE. GLENN WILL POUCH A COPY TO EMBASSY SOFIA AND SEND A COPY TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY. VANCE

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